

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title as follows:

--CONNECTION MEANS METHOD FOR CONNECTING PIPES FOR HIGH  
PRESSURE FLUID[[S]] DUCTS--

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please add the following heading, paragraph and heading beginning on page 1, between lines 1 and 2.

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the 35 USC 371 National Stage of International Application PCT/FR03/02598 filed on August 28, 2003, which designated the United States of America.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Please make the following insertions:

Page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 2, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following heading:

--OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 4, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

and, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--